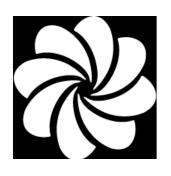


# Family Resource Centers & Literacy Support Corps



### Family Resource Centers A program of WORD

Literacy is more than reading. It includes speaking, listening, interacting, and understanding. Literacy is the process of making sense of the world around you.

#### What is a Family Resource Center?

- Family Resource Centers provide a successful link between families, schools, and communities.
- They create an environment where strong partnerships between families and schools flourish.



-Activities that bring families and schools together in support of children.





-Activities that encourage community partnerships with schools for education.

-Activities for parents and children that strengthen family literacy and learning.





-Activities that create open discussion between adults.

#### AmeriCorps Overview



-Extensive trainings

- -Leadership opportunities
  - -Team-based approach
    - -Member diversity

"Getting Things Done"

#### AmeriCorps in the Community



Literacy Support Corps members contribute to the community

...Individual opportunities

...Group opportunities

What did AmeriCorps members accomplish last year?

#### For Families:

- ...made connections with 3,286 adults.
- ...facilitated 357 whole-family activities.
- ...made 793 referrals to resources in the community for needs such as food, housing, childcare, healthcare, and education.



What did AmeriCorps members accomplish last year?

#### For Schools and Communities:

...recruited over 600 volunteers who donated 3,860 hours of work in support of families and education.

...attained donations totaling \$25,580.

...built 180 new community partnerships.

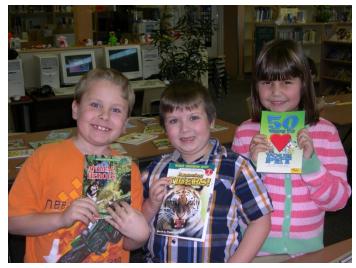


#### Program Impacts 2008-2009

- 92% of parents and/or guardians responding to our annual survey report increased ability to support student achievement.
- 100% of volunteers responding to our survey report increased value in people engaging with their communities.
- 100% of members completing training report increased ability to apply leadership skills in community-building, literacy, and civic engagement.

### AmeriCorps members in Family Resource Centers...

- Develop strong school-family partnerships.
- Build leadership among people of all ages and backgrounds.
- Promote healthy, nurturing home environments that support children's educational success.



Never doubt that a small group of committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.

-Margaret Mead